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1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS GUAZZARONI, WHO WAS PRINCIPAL ITALIAN OFFICIAL ON ECONOMIC SIDE OF TOLKS, GENERALLY CONFIRMED COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (REF A) OF TEHRAN DISCUSSIONS. IN ADDITION TO HIS REMARKS ON IRAN-EC RELATIONS (REF B), GUAZZARONI COMMENTED ON OTHER BROAD ASPECTS OF TALKS.

2. FINANCIAL DISCUSSIONS. AFTER THE WIDE-RANGING REVIEW OF TIALIAN PROJECTS OF VARIOUS LEVELS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREPARATION, AND THE SHAH'S ACCEPTANCE OF THEM IN

PRINCIPLE, ITALIAN SIDE RAISED PREFINANCING, STRESSING ITALIAN INABILITY TO FINANCE FROM OWN RESOURCES. EVENTUAL RESULT WAS AGREEMENT THAT ITALY WILL RECEIVE SAME PREFINANCING FACILITIES AS WILL BE GIVEN TO FRENCH AND BRITISH. GUAZZARONI NOTED THAT NO SPECIFIC FIGURE WAS EXAMINED, AND DISCOUNTED PRESS REPORTS CITING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

3. PRODUCER-CONSUMER RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH DISCUSSIONS OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER RELATIONS WERE OVERTAKEN BY MARTINIQUE COMMUNIQUE WHICH AS ISSUED ON EVENING DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENTIAL PARTY, ITALIANS FOUND SHAH PREPARED TO DISCUSS A CONFERENCE ON THE BASIS HE HAD EARLIER PROPOSED, I.E., OPEN AND OECD. THEY HAD ALSO FOUND HIM RECEPTIVE TO INVITING SELECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SUCH AS BRAZIL AND INDIA.

4. GUAZZARONI'S OVERALL EVALUATION OF THE VISIT WAS MARKEDLY FAVORABLE: WHILE IT HAD WORKED NO MIRACLES, NONE HAD REALLY BEEN EXPECTED, AND A GOOD DEAL OF PRODUCTIVE, CONCRETE WORK HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN ADVANCING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. VOLPE

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